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SUBJECT: Passports for Children

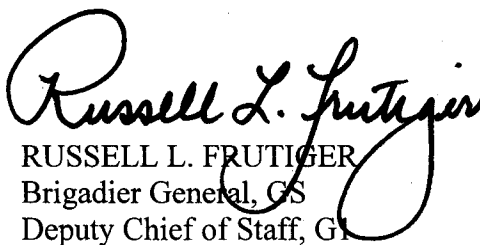
1. The State Department recently announced a change to procedures for obtaining passports for children under 14 years of age who have a deployed parent. Although the State Department still prefers applying parents to comply with the standard requirements of the two-parent consent law, all diplomatic and consular posts may now recognize and accept either:

a. A properly executed power of attorney containing language that specifically authorizes the non-deployed parent to obtain travel documents for the family, such as the General Power of Attorney currently used by Army Judge Advocates; or

b. A copy of military orders showing that the absent parent is deployed outside his or her usual duty station for 30 days or more to a remote area.

2. This policy change is effective immediately. 1st PERSCOM will announce it to all military passport agents.

3. General Bell has asked that this information be disseminated as widely as possible. Accordingly, I request that you advise all subordinate commanders and affiliated organizations of the State Department's new procedures. This headquarters will also develop an appropriate public affairs program.


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